

I am writing, as I'm sure are thousands of others, to decry Sinclair Broadcasting's directive that its networks air Stolen Honor.

I consider such blatant partisanship to be an abuse of the public trust--to which Sinclair and all networks owe their very existence.

I do not know the laws in great detail but from what I understand, Sinclair is parsing "equal time" rules to abuse, if not the letter, then the spirit, of the law. Whether a station is airing a paid ad, or whether a station is dressing up an ad as a documentary, the effect on the public is largely the same. If anything, partisan material masquerading as news is far more dangerous than ad, because "news" bears the imprimatur of journalistic integrity.

Please, for the love of all things free and democratic, do not let Sinclair thumb its nose at election- and broadcast-related rules in this way. Our children will thank you.